

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19 St., Miami, FL 33136
(305) 549-7337

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 10/14/88
mo. day yr.

HENDERSON
time
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88-2596
M.E. Case #

HEART - NO PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS

LUNGS - There is SEVERE CONGESTION AND EDEMA. THERE ARE ABUNDANT PIGMENT
LADEN MACROPHAGES THROUGHOUT. OCCASIONAL ~~FO~~GIANT CELLS ARE
SEEN.

LYMPH NODES: A PARATRACHEAL LYMPH NODE HAS CASEATING GRANULOMAS WITH
GIANT CELLS.

LIVER - MARKED CONGESTION MILD PORTAL TRIADITIS.

BRAIN: - NO PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS

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CLASSIFICATION OF PENDING CASE

(THIS FORM IS TO BE USED BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER WHEN A PENDING CASE IS TO BE CLASSIFIED. MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS AN APPROVAL BY EITHER THE CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER BEFORE COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FORMS AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY THE STATE.)

M.E. Case # 88-2596

Name (if known) HENDERSON, JOYCE

Cause of Death: COCAINE TOXICITY
(Item 24)

Due to:

Due to:

Contributory Cause:

Manner of Death: ACCIDENTAL
(Item 27a)

How Incident Occurred:
(Item 27d)

Rationale for Classification:

- ① INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL SIGNS OF TRAUMA ARE NOT SEEN
- ② TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE WAS NO EXPRRESSION OF SUICIDAL INTENT.
- ③ SHE IS A KNOWN COCAINE USER AND PROSTITUTE.
- ④ TOXICOLOGY AND HISTOLOGY ARE CONSISTENT WITH COCAINE TOXICITY.

Hugh D. Smith, M.D.
Medical Examiner

10 / 19 / 88
M D Y
Date

Approved by [Signature]
10 19 88
M - D - Y
Date

Presented at conf
10/18/88 - general conference
10/18/88

THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name...HENDERSON,.Joyce..Sept.5,1988..7:15.p.m.....Case No. 88-2596

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Cocaine Toxicity

*see
amendment
J. H. Davis*

Humphrey D. Germaniuk, M.D.
Humphrey D. Germaniuk, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

Date: OCTOBER 27th, 1988

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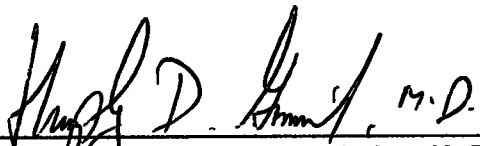
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TOXICOLOGY REPORT

UNKNOWN

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<u>SUBSTANCE</u>	<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
VOLATILES	HEART BLOOD	UNDETECTED
BENZOYLECGONINE	BLADDER WASH	DETECTED
BENZOYLECGONINE	SERUM	3.23mg/L
COCAINE	HEART BLOOD	0.2mg/L
METHYLECGONINE	HEART BLOOD	DETECTED


Humphrey D. Germaniuk, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner
Date OCTOBER 14, 1988

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

There is marked ant activity involving the entire body. There are numerous patches of skin which have been devoured by ants.

The 5 foot 4 inch, 93 pound frail and cachectic body is that of a black female consistent with the stated age of 32 years. The scalp is atraumatic. The black curly scalp hair is unkempt and has 4-5 braids. The earlobes are pierced. The external auditory canals are free of blood. The irides and pupils are cloudy. The conjunctivae are hyperemic. The nose is intact and there appears to be a small quantity of blood. The lips are eroded secondary to insect activity. The oral cavity has an intact frenulum with the buccal mucosa free of contusion. The native dentition is present and is in a poor state of repair. The left upper second incisor has a gold cap. The right incisor is decaying. The neck is atraumatic. There is intense insect activity involving the entire neck. The chest, aside from insect activity, is unremarkable. Aside from insect activity, the breasts are symmetrical without palpable masses. The abdomen has striae. Beginning at the umbilicus, an old 6 inch surgical scar is on the midline. The upper extremities, aside from insect activity are free of scars or injury. The wrists are free of scars. The lower extremities, apart from insect activity, are unremarkable. There is pink nail polish on the toenails. The back is atraumatic and unremarkable with the exception of insect activity.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

The left vaginal introitus from 3:30 to approximately 5:30 appears abraded. There is blood and other fluid in the perianal region. The vagina itself is free of laceration or contusion. The thighs are free of laceration or contusion. The anus is free of laceration or contusion.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The 210 gram heart has a smooth and shiny epicardial surface. The coronary arteries originate at the base of the aorta and follow their normal course. They are elastic and widely patent throughout. The myocardium is homogeneously flabby, mottled, and brown. There is no evidence of fibrosis. The endocardium and trabeculae carneae are glistening and free of fibrosis. The valve cusps are freely mobile. The chordae tendineae are delicate. The orifices of the coronary arteries are free of obstruction. The aorta and carotid arteries are elastic and free of arteriosclerosis or occlusion.

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The 660 gram right lung and 640 gram left lung have mottled gray-dark red, smooth surfaces. The mottled red-pink cut surfaces are boggy and spongy with congestion and edema. There is some fibrosis involving the posterior left upper lobe. The major bronchi have a red-brown, frothy fluid in their lumina. The underlying bronchi are hyperemic. The pulmonary vasculature is free of thromboemboli or atheromatosis.

The tongue is free of contusion or laceration. The hyoid bone is intact. The thyroid cartilage is free of contusion. Dissection of the major muscles of the neck does not reveal evidence of hemorrhage. The trachea is pink-tan and free of petechiae.

The 1060 gram liver has a smooth brown shiny surface. The parenchyma is homogeneously dark brown throughout. The gallbladder contains approximately 2 cubic centimeters of light green bile. Calculi are absent.

The 35 gram spleen has a dark blue-gray capsule. The parenchyma is gelatinous without prominence of lymphoid follicles. The major lymph node groups of the body are enlarged.

The 70 gram right kidney and 90 gram left kidney have smooth dark brown surfaces. The parenchyma is homogeneously brown throughout. The corticomedullary junctions are distinct. The bladder is contracted. The bladder mucosa is gray and unremarkable.

The uterus has been surgically removed. The remaining ovary is cystic.

The 1180 gram brain has a mild flattening of the sulci and gyri. The arachnoid membrane is translucent. The pacchionian granulations are unremarkable. The vasculature of the circle of Willis is free of aneurysm or atheromatosis. The ventricles are not dilated. The basal ganglia are symmetric. The brain stem is free of blood. The white matter is not expanded.

The stomach contains approximately 200 cubic centimeters of green fluid in which are recognizable fragments of corn and rice. The gastric mucosa is unremarkable. The serosal aspects of the small and large intestines are smooth and shiny.

The pancreas is light pink and soft. The adrenal glands are present bilaterally with distinct corticomedullary junctions. The thyroid gland is firm, red-brown and unremarkable.

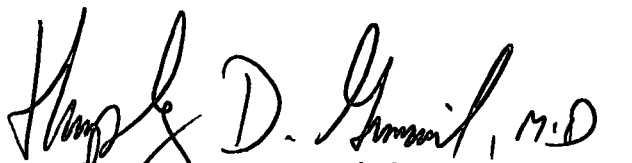
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The left pleural cavity has a smooth and glistening surface with the exception of a small area which is apical and posterior corresponding to that fibrosis of the left upper lobe of the lung. The peritoneal cavity has a smooth and shiny serosal surface.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS:

1. Pulmonary edema and congestion
2. Enlarged lymph nodes
3. Mild cerebral edema
4. Cachexia


Humphrey D. Germaniuk, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

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_____ on Oct. 10, 1988 at 9:45 A.M.
Mon Day Yr.
as that of Joyce Henderson

FLA.DL# W220-001-67-680

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RE: Henderson, Joyce

~~paramedic in ambulance~~

Alicia Ann Weekes

2600 NW 113 St

Miami, FL 33167

Fla. DL # W220-001-67-680

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INVESTIGATION REPORT

M.E. CASE NO. 88-2596 A
DATE SEP/04/88

HENDERSON, JOYCE (REMAIN, UNKNOWN)

32 BLACK FEMALE DOB OCT/19/55
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PLACE OF DEATH: NW 16 ST. & NW 1 AVE., MIAMI, FLA. (UNDER A TRAILER)
TIME OF DEATH: FOUND 2:00PM SEP/04/88

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: MIAMI #2481635-M /DELATORRIENTTE

INCIDENT LOCATION: NW 16 ST. BETWEEN R.R.TRACK & NW 1 AVE., MIAMI, FLA.
SEP/00/88 U SCENE M.E. HUMPHREY D. GEMANIUK, M.D

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9/5/88
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8:00
PM

CAUSE OF DEATH: PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

MANNER: PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

DATE AUTOPSY SEP/05/88 BY HUMPHREY D. GEMANIUK, M.D

MORTUARY:

JEB

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MANNER: ACCIDENT DATE AUTOPSY SEP/05/88 BY HUMPHREY D. GERMANIUK, M.

MORTUARY: POITIER

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MANNER: UNCLASSIFIED DATE AUTOPSY SEP/05/88 BY HUMPHREY D. GEMANIUK, M.D

MORTUARY: POITIER

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METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY

Office of the Medical Examiner

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Police Case No. 2481635M

NAME OF THE DECEASED: JANE DOE, (UNIDENTIFIED) Age UNK Race B Sex F

Address UNKNOWN Date of Birth UNK.

Social Security No. _____ Occupation _____ Employer _____

Place of Death N.W. 16 ST. BETWEEN R.R. TRACK + N.W. AVE. (UNDER A TRAILER)

Death Occurred _____ 19____, _____ M. in the presence of _____

or Found Dead 04 SEPT. 1988, 2:00 P. M. by TOMMY SMITH

Identified by _____ Address _____

Date/Time Viewed by Investigator 04 SEPT. 19 88, 2:30 AM. Medical Examiner at Scene DR. GERMANIUK.

HISTORY: (What happened just prior to death and when was victim last seen alive?) VICTIM WAS FOUND BY
B/M/S TOMMY SMITH, WHO WAS WALKING TO THE OMNI. THE VICTIM
WAS FOUND UNDERNEATH THE TRAILER, NEAR THE RIGHT
REAR WHEELS, WITH HER CLOTHING PARTIALLY REMOVED,
SUPINE, WITH HER LEFT LEG OPEN. THE VICTIM WAS
COVERED WITH INSECT BITES.

Possible manner of death UNCLASSIFIED

If Violent Death: Date/Time of Incident _____ 19____, _____ M. Weapon/Cal. _____

Exact Location/Address of Incident _____ At work _____
(Specify Street, Parking Lot, Bar etc.)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Clothing DARK BLUE BRA, LT. BLUE SLIP, PINK PANTIES, PINK
SWEATER

Position/Location of Body: SUPINE, R-ARM OUTSTRETCHED, L-ARM UNDER OPEN L-LEG.

Lividity: Yes _____ No _____ Consistent ☒ Body Heat: Warm: _____ Cool _____ Cold ☒

Rigor Mortis: None _____ Slight ☒ Full _____ Decomposition: None _____ Slight ☒ Advanced _____

Trauma: Yes _____ No _____ Describe UNK.

NAMES OF DOCTORS/HOSPITALS who attended deceased during life: UNK.

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN: UNK. Relation _____

Address _____ Telephone _____ Notified: Yes _____ No _____

Valuables and Disposition _____ Medication to M.E.: Yes _____ No _____

Investigating Agency MPD-01 Report Submitted by M. DELATORRE/DATE 1432 Date: 04 SEPT. 1988, 3:50 PM

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1050 N.W. 19 STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA

CRIME SCENE SEARCH DETAIL

POLICE AGENCY City Miami Police

MEDICAL EXAMINER CASE # 88-2596 DATE 9-4-88
POLICE (AGENCY) CASE # _____ TIME _____
NAME OF DECEASED UKN

FOLLOW-UP PROCESSING COMPLETED:

(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) FINGERPRINTING	() BLOOD STANDARD
(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) PALM PRINTING	() NEUTRON ACTIVATION
() FINGERNAIL SCRAPINGS	() CLOTHING
() HAIR STANDARD COLLECTION	() PHOTOGRAPH

() OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION _____

[Signature] 2173 01-MIPB
ID TECHNICIAN / OFFICER

POSITIVE ID BY FINGERPRINTS MADE ON 88-2596

UNDER THE NAME OF Wayne Henderson

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS _____

DOB 10-19-55 OTHER _____

CALLLED BY Det. De la Torriente
7:52 PM 9-4-88

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RE: HENDERSON, JOYCE

10/19/55

Called
JMH - RE cords.
Brownish
TAMIR

JMH # 0906220, Requested

[Signature]

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DATE SEPTEMBER 6, 1988
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REFERENCE: HENDERSON, JOYCE

FROM JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECORDS: NUMBER # 0906220

ADMISSION DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 1974

DIAGNOSIS: IVP FOR TERMINATION.
TERMINATION BY TOTAL ABDOMINAL HYSTERECTOMY.
PATIENT RECEIVED TWO UNITS OF PACKED CELLS IV
BECAUSE OF IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA. TAKEN TO THE
OPERATING ROOM, GENERAL ANESTHESIA, TOTAL ABDOMINAL
AND RIGHT SALPING OOPHORECTOMY WAS PERFORMED.

DISCHARGE DATE: MARCH 24, 1974.

PHONE NUMBER OF FRIENDS OR FAMILY: 358-64851
374-4476
374-4376

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MESSAGE CONFIRMATION

SEP-04-'88 SUN 15:54

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- Pick up Inst Chart
- Med Hx and NOK info.

11:35 AM

called J.M.H.

med. Record

Mrs. Rolla, # 0906220 requested.
(microfilm)

DM

C.E. Taylor

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Reference: Henderson, J.

called 358-6485 — number being changed.

Called 374-4476 — No one living there by that name. They had that line 2 years.

called 374-3476 — Law office, no one there by that name, no one knows the deceased.

C.E. Doyle →

9:55 Am

called Det. Delatoriente

msgd. message left for him to save

this office when he arrives at 3:00 p.m.

@ Doyle —

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MPD
Det.

NW 1 Ave. + 16 St.

B/F under trailer

Dr. Germanick responding 3:53 P/m

— S. Burns

Wagon
Kevin
5:27 P/m

MESSAGE CONFIRMATION

SEP-04-'88 SUN 17:29

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POITIER FUNERAL HOME

2300 NORTHWEST 62ND STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33147
(305) 638-5030 or 638-5031

BERNARD C. POITIER, SR. • ALFONSO M. RICHARDSON
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

*M.E.
ready*

AUTHORIZATION

I hereby designate the above-named funeral establishment to take charge of funeral arrangements for: Joyce Ann Henderson, and I authorize the release and removal of the remains to said funeral establishment for the purpose of embalming.

I represent that I am the next of kin, or am acting as an authorized agent for the next of kin.

Signed: Martha Shrader

Relationship: Mother

Co-Signed: Bud Williams

Relationship: Brother

WITNESS:

Larry Mayhew

DATE:

10-10-88

FOR VERBAL (TELEPHONE) AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization from _____

Relationship _____

Date _____ Time _____ Received by _____

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
MIAMI, FLORIDA

DECEASED'S VALUABLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORD

NAME OF DECEASED Unknown M.E. CASE NO. 88-2596
TIME 6:05^{pm} DATE 8-4-88
AGE Ukn. RACE B SEX F HEIGHT 5'4
WEIGHT (with clothes) 93 lbs. (without clothes) _____ (with wet clothes) _____
FINGERPRINTED: YES not for identification

MALE

CLOTHES

FEMALE

SHOES _____ SOCKS _____ SHOES _____ STOCKINGS _____ SOCKS _____
JACKET _____ SWEATER _____ COAT _____ SWEATER / JACKET _____
TIE _____ SHIRT _____ DRESS _____ BLOUSE _____ SKIRT _____
TROUSERS _____ SHORTS _____ BELT _____ SHORTS _____ SLACKS _____
UNDERSHIRT _____ T SHIRT _____ UNDERSHORTS _____ SLIP / PANTIES / CORSET _____ BRA /
PAJAMAS _____ PAJAMAS _____ GOWN _____
DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____ TRUSS _____ DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____
MISCELLANEOUS _____ MISCELLANEOUS _____

VALUABLES

(List all money, jewelry, keys, personal papers & other valuables)

None

RECEIVED BY Clark D. Jackson MORGUE ATTENDANT WITNESS Roger Turner

REMOVED FROM M.E. OFFICE BY

BODY 2 Benten REPRESENTING Poitier DATE 10-10-88 TIME 3:30^{pm}

CLOTHES Benten REPRESENTING Poitier DATE 10-10-88 TIME _____

VALUABLES _____ REPRESENTING _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

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CAUSE OF DEATH: HOMICIDE BY UNSPECIFIED MEANS. AMENDED BY: J. H. DAVIS, M. D
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-6/21/89-DJM.

MANNER: HOMICIDE DATE AUTOPSY SEP/05/88 BY HUMPHREY D. GERMANIUK, M.

MORTUARY: POITIER

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SCENE INVESTIGATION

DATE: September 4, 1988
LOCATION: NW 1st Avenue & 16th Street
TIME ARRIVED AT SCENE: Approximately 3:45 p.m.
POLICE AGENCY: Miami Police Dept.
LEAD INVESTIGATOR: Detective Delatorriente

INITIAL INFORMATION:

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on September 4, two young boys found the body of a partially clad woman underneath a parked large trailer.

OBSERVATIONS OF SURROUNDINGS:

It is midafternoon on a warm Sunday in September. There are numerous parked trailers at the end of a dead end street. Railroad tracks are present beyond. As one enters the street, to the right, there is a trailer repair company and to the left there is a wall. The trailers are parked rather close together. Some are flatbeds. On the right side there is a sidewalk. The surrounding foliage is overgrown. There are several bottles and beer cans throughout. Approximately 8-10 feet from the body several pink fibers similar to the victim's sweater top are present in the brush. Two pink beach type sandals are also present.

OBSERVATIONS OF VICTIM(s):

The victim is a partially clad black female appearing to be approximately 20 years of age. The head is in an easterly direction while the legs which are spread apart are in a westerly direction. The head is close to the left rear tires of the trailer. The body, which is in a face-up position has the distal left upper extremity underneath the proximal left thigh. There is marked ant activity. A pink sweater type garment which is crumpled is on top of the left ankle. A light blue bra having an anterior clasp which appears unhooked or torn exposing the breasts is noted. There is a raised synthetic slip above the pubes. The slip appears to have been torn from the left side. There is a small quantity of blood present on the slip. The right proximal upper extremity is through one leg of the panties.

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida


Name..HENDERSON,.Joyce.....Case No. 88-2596

A small quantity of blood is present on the panties. The left ankle has a two coil plastic type ankle bracelet. The palpebral conjunctivae appear to have some petechiae. The frenulum is intact. A gold cap is on the right upper second incisor. There are several old abdominal scars. Blood surrounds the vagina. The back is unremarkable. The head appears to be free of trauma. The neck does not appear to have any ligature marks at this time.

SCENE IMPRESSION (INCLUDING PROBABLE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH):

Stangulation. Homicide.

NOTE: The foregoing is of a speculative nature and subject to modification pending additional information and investigation


Humphrey D. Germaniuk, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

HDG:rf

CASE REVIEW
J. H. DAVIS, M.D.

NAME Henderson, J. M.E. No. 88 2596
AGE/RACE 32 B/W POLICE M P D
DATE FOUND 9/4/88 POLICE NUMBER 248 1635 M
COORDINATES NW 1 Ave 16 St. DETECTIVE Delatorriante
SITE CHARACTER New Trucks under Truck
POSITION Supine legs spread
CLOTHING/COVER Semi nude pants & shirt
PRESERVATION STATUS Family spread
PHOTOS: Eyes yes insects
Lips yes
Ext. Neck yes
Int. Neck yes
BITE MARKS (if Applicable)
OTHER PERTINENT MARKS

INITIAL CLASSIFICATION
→ Cocaine A

SUBSEQUENT CLASSIFICATION
→ Hair by unspecified person

INJURY of Above NOT PHOTOGRAPHED:

COCAINE - BLOOD .2 mg/l

- Other

Bear. serum 3.23

Alcohol 5

Other Drug 5

Rape kit Status

EVIDENCE FOR

HOMICIDE

NON-HOMICIDE

A bloodstain

Murder

Sex

Cocaine V .2

Locomotion

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19 St., Miami, FL 33136
(305) 549-7337

CASE INFORMATION

DATE Sept. 5, 1988
mo. day yr.

11:00 A.M.
time

88-2596

M.E. Case #

RE: Henderson, Joyce

According to JMH REcords (#0906220):

On 4-4-71 she was treated for multiple injuries after she was ina MVA. Location: 41 st. & NW 7th Ave., treated and released.

On 4-31-81 ahe fell at home, was treated for muscle strain secondary to fall, treated and released.

On 5-16-77 she was treated after she took overdose of Dristan after an fight/argument with her live-in-boyfriend.

On 10-5-78 she was diagnosed as having Mycoplasma Pneumonia.

NOK: Martha Henderson

374-4376/373-6140 (4-4-71)

358-6485 (4-31-81)

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Nov. 6, 1989

Miami Herald

88-2596

Suspect is linked to 19th slaying

By DONNA GEHRKE
Herald Staff Writer

Charles Henry Williams, already the prime suspect in the slayings of 18 inner-city women, has been linked to the murder of another: a



20-year-old who, like three other victims, was seen with him on her last day alive.

Sandra Jackson, only four foot eight and 84 pounds, was alone with six-foot-three Williams, a convicted rapist known for choking his victims, on March 23 after the two had visited with Jackson's cousin. Her body was found the next day in a wooded vacant lot at Northwest 13th Place and 38th Street.

Williams "was one of the last individuals seen with her alive," said

PLEASE SEE WILLIAMS, 28

Convicted rapist linked to 19th slaying

WILLIAMS, FROM 1B

Tony Rodriguez, Miami homicide detective.

Like many of the 18 other victims, Jackson was found nude and asphyxiated in Northwest Dade, lying on her back with her legs spread.

Homicide detectives believe Williams, a baby-faced former maintenance worker, may be responsible for the 19 slayings — and perhaps more — because the methods of murder are strikingly similar.

"We've never had this many that seemed to fall into a pattern," said Dr. Joseph Davis, Dade's medical examiner.

Williams, 33, has been in the Dade County Jail for the past six months, but has not been charged in any of the murders. He was charged with two counts of rape unrelated to the slayings. Metro and Miami homicide detectives say they don't have enough proof — even though he first murder came under investigation more than a year ago.

Williams has admitted to police that he knew some of the victims, but he has steadfastly denied killing anyone.

The slayings stopped once Williams was jailed in early April on the rape charges.

The first of the 19 victims — 18 of them black and one Hispanic — was found dead in July 1987.

Jackson was victim No. 15. The bodies of four other women were found before Williams was arrested in early April. Miami police did not disclose Jackson's connection to Williams and the other homicide victims until detectives recently gave depositions in court.

Jackson, a former cook in a sandwich shop, went by the name Sonia because she hated her given name. "She was my sweet baby," said her boyfriend Kirk Stevens, the father of her 2-year-old son, also named Kirk.

Like many of the other 18 victims, Jackson was a drug addict "doing tricks for crack," her family told investigators.

Just before her murder, she was desperately trying to break her

crack habit, said Vincent Lawrence, a distant relative who unsuccessfully tried to find a rehabilitation program for her. "I couldn't find anything free for her," he said.

On March 24, a man working in his yard found Jackson's strangled body next door in an overgrown lot in the Brownsville neighborhood. A brown coat covered her nude body. Her shoes were found nearby.

In the next 11 days, four more bodies of women were found. Two of them had been badly beaten and strangled, as Jackson was.

On March 26, the body of Angela Williams, 23, was found in an open field at Northwest 21st Avenue and 68th Street. The killer had beaten her face, breaking her jaw and teeth.

A week later, in another vacant lot at Northwest 23rd Avenue and 46th Street, children found the body of Brenda Hernandez, 24, whose chest and neck were battered like Jackson's.

Williams was picked up near the Hernandez murder site by homicide detectives a day after the body was found.

As in Jackson's case, witnesses saw Williams with Hernandez on the last day of her life.

Jailers later found scratches on Williams' back and fresh bite marks on his penis.

Metro homicide detective Joseph McMahon said Williams readily talked to homicide detectives.

Investigators said Williams told them he had been with some of the victims — but they were alive when he left them.

He said people in the neighborhood who say he is the murderer are picking on him. They didn't like him, Williams complained.

From canvassing Brownsville after the murders, police found at least two women who said they had survived attacks by Williams. The investigators and the alleged victims described the attacks in recent depositions.

One, an admitted prostitute, told McMahon that she had been raped and choked to unconsciousness in March by a man known on the streets as "Bumper" or "Bump."

McMahon showed her a Polaroid of Williams.

That's him, she said.

She said she hadn't gone to police sooner because she didn't think officers "give a damn about street hookers or prostitutes," McMahon said in a deposition.

The second victim said she was raped by Williams in the Brownsville neighborhood on March 18, six days before Jackson's body was found.

"She said at first he had grabbed her in a choke hold, putting his arm around her neck," Miami homicide detective Frank Castillo said in a deposition. "She said that he had her under control. She couldn't get away from him. The harder she would try to push away, the tighter the choke would get around her neck."

The two women pressed rape charges against Williams. He is scheduled to go to trial Nov. 13. But the trial is likely to be postponed — for a third time. Prosecutor Dennis Siegel is planning to be out of the state that week to attend a seminar.

Meanwhile, police remain close-mouthed about the homicide investigation.

Williams' defense attorney, Howard Landau, believes homicide in-

vestigators are now conducting genetic DNA tests to see if they can trace back to Williams any body fluids found on the victims. The tests are usually done to connect rapists to their victims, usually through semen.

Despite Landau's objections, the Dade state attorney's office recently obtained a court order to take blood and saliva samples from Williams.

Miami homicide detective Rodriguez wouldn't talk about the genetic tests. "We're following up every avenue that's available to us that can assist us in these investigations," he said.

Rodriguez and John Farrell, Metro chief of detectives, said officers have pursued dozens of leads without the breakthrough they were counting on.

"Unfortunately, we haven't been able to put together anything of significance," Rodriguez said. "It's just a shame. It's a tragedy. I really feel that somebody out there saw or heard something that could help us solve at least one of these cases."

"Serial killers don't stop killing," he said. "They either get arrested, they die or they move somewhere and continue."

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFICATION OF PENDING CASE

(THIS FORM IS TO BE USED BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER WHEN A PENDING CASE IS TO BE CLASSIFIED. MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS AN APPROVAL BY EITHER THE CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER BEFORE COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FORMS AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY THE STATE.)

M.E. Case # 88-2596

Name (if known) Henderson, Joyce

Cause of Death:
(Item 24)

Homicide by Unspecified Means

Due to:

Due to:

Contributory Cause:

Manner of Death:
(Item 27a)

Homicide September unknown, 1988 Time unknown

How Incident Occurred:
(Item 27d)

Found semi nude and abandoned; apparently molested.

Rationale for Classification:

1. Abandoned female
2. Nudity
3. Sexual pattern
4. Low cocaine .2
5. Pattern is not that of seizure or psychotic activity on her part
6. Fits epidemiological pattern of 19 cases
7. Insect damage prevents study of lip injuries - if any

Medical Examiner

M - D - Y
Date

Approved by

JH Jones

6/18/89
M - D - Y
Date

CASE REVIEW
J. H. DAVIS, M.D.

NAME: Henderson, Joyce ME No.: 88-2596 HDG
Age/Race: 32/B Police: MPD
Date Found: 9/4/88 Police No.: 2481135M Dehter.ante
Coordinates: NW 1 Ave 16 St.
Site Character: Under parked trailer - 11/11/88
Position: Supine legs spread
Clothing/Cover: Nude - panties on Rt. Thigh / Tank top around abdomen
Preservation Status: Insect bites attraction of evidence
Photos Eyes: One Insects
" Lips: Yes Insects
" Ext. Neck: Insects
" Int. Neck: Yes 0 hemorrhage except Focal Platygyria Discolorations
Cocaine Blood: 0.2
" Other:
Alcohol: 0
Other Drug:

EVIDENCE FOR
HOMICIDE

ACCIDENT

Unusual Cocaine?

Abandonment

Nude G.

Sex Abused intravaginal

Low Cocaine

Position does not favor cocaine seizure/psychosis

Needs police follow through - Russo R.D.

Prose kit
studies

Master List - Study of 19 Cases

Already Classified as Homicide

- 1 88-3093 Black, B.
- 2 89-243 Spivey, A
- 3 89-906 Williams, A
- 4 89-997 Hernandez, B

Well preserved - not decomposed bodies

- 1 87-2006 Samuels, W
- 2 87-2017 Taylor, M
- 3 87-2633 Rozier, E
- 4 88-1055 Gray, S
- 5 88-3075 Edwards, E
- 6 88-3119 Lathimere, B
- 7 88-3575 Burns, A
- 8 89-323 Stewart, H
- 9 89-981 Gorden, P

Decomposed or insect altered bodies - including skeletons

- 1 86-2512 Turner, T
- 2 88-2596 Henderson, J
- 3 88-2637 Johnson, L
- 4 88-3118 Rolfe, R
- 5 89-346 Harris, V
- 6 89-883 Bodie, C

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
M E D I C A L E X A M I N E R D E P A R T M E N T
NUMBER 1 ON BOB HOPE RD MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136 (305) 545-9400
INVESTIGATION REPORT

PLEASE FILE

M.E. CASE NO. 88-2596 A
DATE SEP/04/88

HENDERSON, JOYCE (REMAIN, UNKNOWN)

32 BLACK FEMALE DOB OCT/19/55
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PLACE OF DEATH: NW 16 ST. & NW 1 AVE., MIAMI, FLA. (UNDER A TRAILER)
TIME OF DEATH: FOUND 2:00PM SEP/04/88

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: MIAMI #2481635-M /DELATORRIENTE

INCIDENT LOCATION: NW 16 ST. BETWEEN R.R.TRACK & NW 1 AVE., MIAMI, FLA.
SEP/00/88 U SCENE M.E. HUMPHREY D. GEMANIUK, M.D

HISTORY:

JEB

ACCORDING TO INITIAL POLICE INVESTIGATION : THIS DATE A PASSERBY
ENROUTE TO THE OMNI FOUND THE DECEASED UNDER A TRAILER LOCATED AT NW
16 STREET BETWEEN THE RAILROAD TRACKS AND NW 1 AVENUE AND NOTIFIED THE
POLICE.

UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AND THAT OF DR. HUMPHREY D. GERMANIUK, THE DECEASED
WAS FOUND SUPINE NEAR THE RIGHT REAR WHEELS OF THE TRAILER. HER CLOTHING
HAD BEEN PARTIALLY REMOVED AND SHE WAS COVERED WITH INSECT BITES.

Dr. Germaniuk:

DET DeLatorriente will pick-up

Rape Kit on victim tomorrow afternoon.

Gwen
Shorter.

CAUSE OF DEATH: PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

9/7/88. 10:00pm

MANNER: UNCLASSIFIED DATE AUTOPSY SEP/05/88 BY HUMPHREY D. GEMANIUK, M.D

MORTUARY:

JEB

METRO-DADE
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19 STREET - 33138
(305) 549-7342

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION FORM

NAME: HENDERSON JOYCE DATE: 9/5/88 TIME: _____ CASE # 88-2596
LAST FIRST INITIAL

MARKED ANT ACTIVITY.

AGE: 32 RACE: B SEX: F LENGTH: 54 WEIGHT: 93lb

SCALP: ATROPHIC

SCALP HAIR: - BLACK, CURLY, 4 TO 5 BEAMS,

NEARS - (P) (D) LENS FUSED - EXT APP

IRIDES: - BLOODY

PUPILS: - CLODDY

CONJUNCTIVAE: - HYPEREMIC

NOSE - INTAS - BLOOD

FACIAL FEATURES: -

LIPS - PINK

ORAL CAVITY: - FRENCH INTAS

TEETH: - (D) SHOWN INVISOR, GORN. (P) Heavy - Poor State

NECK: - INSECT

CHEST: - APPET - NPD

BREASTS: - ASIDE SYMMET. NPD

ABDOMEN: - STRIA, BILAT. - AT UMBIL, 6 IN OLD SCAR ON MID.

EXTERNAL GENITALIA: - GOOD STATE

UPPER EXTREMITIES: - NPD x2 - NO SCARS

LOWER EXTREMITIES: - NPD - PINK TOENAIL POLISH

BACK: - NPD

INJURIES: -

REMARKS:

DIAGNOSIS:

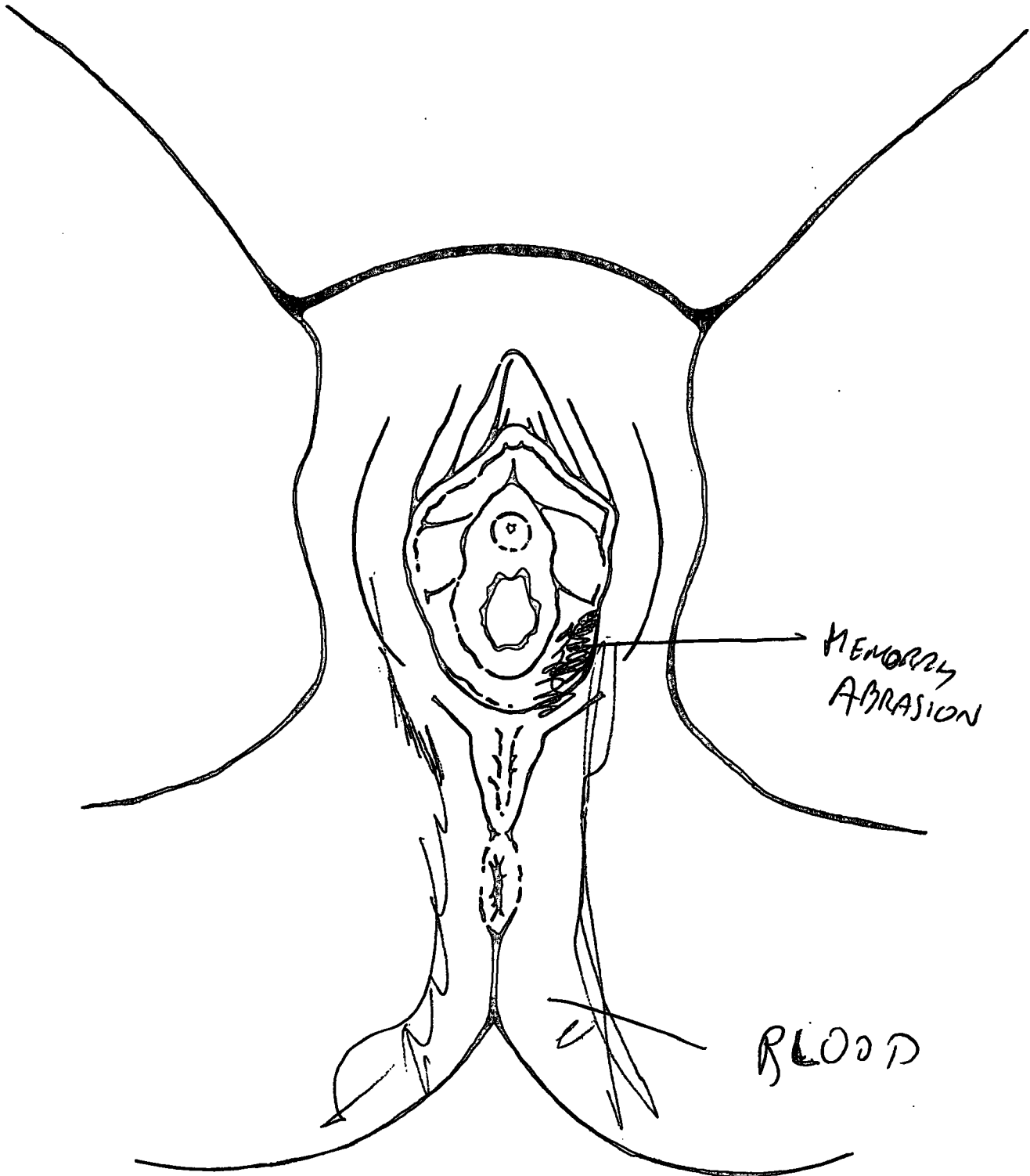
MEDICAL EXAMINER _____

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19th Street
Miami, Florida 33136

Perineum, female [REDACTED]

NAME HENDERSON, JOYCE

M.E. CASE NO. 88-2596



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(305) 549-7337

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 9 / 7 / 88
mo. day yr.

4:PM

time

88-2596

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE

NO 001204

DATE CALL RECEIVED

9-7-88

TIME

2:49

WHO CALLED

Det. Delatorriente

FIRM

Miami Homicide

CITY, STATE

PHONE

579-6530

AREA CODE

☐ RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME

CALL TAKEN BY

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NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE RD.
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136

MESSAGE
FOR

HOG

RECEIVED

returning your call

DAY-TIMERS RE ORDER No 3214 - Printed in USA

Called Back - ~~Det~~ was informed he was out on
Streets - left message about rape but pick up.

HOG

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CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA
PROPERTY RECEIPT**

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1882596

DATE 9/15/88RECEIPT NUMBER 095798

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LOCATION NW 16 ST BET. RAILROAD TRACK 1 AVE

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OWNERS ADDRESS _____

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HOLD FOR FORFEITURE YES ☐ NO ☐ DATE _____

REMARKS _____

VAULT DEPOSIT: Item deposited yes ☐ no ☐ Signature of witness to deposit _____

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MEDICAL EXAMINER

(IF NOT KNOWN, USE UNK)

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AGE RACE SEX TYPE OF CASE

POLICE AGENCY:

POLICE CASE #

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METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
Office of the Medical Examiner
INVESTIGATION REPORT

Police Case No. 2481635-M

NAME OF THE DECEASED: JANE DOE, (UNIDENTIFIED) Age UNK Race B Sex F

Address UNKNOWN Date of Birth UNK

Social Security No. _____ Occupation _____ Employer _____

Place of Death NW 16 ST. BETWEEN R.R. TRACK + NW 1AVE. (UNDER A TRAILER)

Death Occurred _____ 19____ M. in the presence of _____

or
Found Dead 04 SEPT. 1988, 2:00 P. M. by TOMMY SMITH

Identified by _____ Address _____

Date/Time Viewed by Investigator 04 SEPT. 19 88, 2:30 PM. Medical Examiner at Scene DR. GERMANIUK.

HISTORY: (What happened just prior to death and when was victim last seen alive?) VICTIM WAS FOUND BY
R/M/S TOMMY SMITH, WHO WAS WALKING TO THE OMNI. THE VICTIM
WAS FOUND UNDERNEATH THE TRAILER, NEAR THE RIGHT
REAR WHEELS, WITH HER CLOTHING PARTIALLY REMOVED,
SUPINE, WITH HER LEFT LEG OPEN. THE VICTIM WAS
COVERED WITH INSECT BITES.

Possible manner of death UNCLASSIFIED

If Violent Death: Date/Time of Incident _____ 19____ M. Weapon/Cal. _____

Exact Location/Address of Incident _____ At work _____
(Specify Street, Parking Lot, Bar etc.)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Clothing DARK BLUE KRA, LT. BLUE SLIP, PINK PANTIES, PINK
SWEATER

Position/Location of Body: SUPINE, R-ARM OUTSTRETCHED, L-ARM UNDER OPEN L-LEG.

Lividity: Yes _____ No _____ Consistent ☒ Body Heat: Warm: _____ Cool _____ Cold ☒

Rigor Mortis: None _____ Slight ☒ Full _____ Decomposition: None _____ Slight ☒ Advanced _____

Trauma: Yes _____ No _____ Describe UNK.

NAMES OF DOCTORS/HOSPITALS who attended deceased during life: UNK.

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN: UNK. Relation _____

Address _____ Telephone _____ Notified: Yes _____ No _____

Valuables and Disposition _____ Medication to M.E.: Yes _____ No _____

Investigating Agency M.D.-01 Report Submitted by M. DeLaTorre NTE 1421 Date: 04 SEPT. 1988, 3:50 PM.

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19 STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA

CRIME SCENE SEARCH DETAIL

POLICE AGENCY

City Miami Police

MEDICAL EXAMINER CASE #

88-2596

DATE

9-4-88

POLICE (AGENCY) CASE #

TIME

NAME OF DECEASED

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FOLLOW-UP PROCESSING COMPLETED:

(☒) FINGERPRINTING

() BLOOD STANDARD

(☒) PALM PRINTING

() NEUTRON ACTIVATION

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() CLOTHING

() HAIR STANDARD COLLECTION

() PHOTOGRAPH

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SPOKE w/ DET. DELLA TORRIENTE. FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED

- ① CRACK ADDICT
- ② HOOKER - WOULD ACCEPT MONEY FOR SEX IF SOME KNEW YOU
- ③ RAPE KIT "ON HOLD".

HDC

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1989

THE MIAMI HERALD

SECTION B

Dead women had links to rapist

By DONNA GEHRKE
Herald Staff Writer

Where Charles Henry Williams went, women died.

Four were killed near his family home in Overtown. A fifth was a neighbor. Four more died in a North Dade prostitution zone where the tall baby-faced 32-year-old used to wander. Two others were found just outside the area. And two were murdered in a Brownsville neighborhood where he used to smoke crack.

Williams tells police it's coincidence.

Homicide detectives think it's a pattern.

Police say the convicted rapist is a suspect in these 13 slayings and five others, which date back more than two years. They called a press conference 2½ months ago to announce their suspicion. But they haven't yet charged



Convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams, left, says connections to the dead women are a coincidence. Police see a pattern, but they haven't charged Williams with murder.

Williams with murder.

The killings stopped once Williams was jailed last April on two unrelated rape charges.

"He's the best thing we've got," said Metro homicide Sgt. Frank Wesolowski, who

heads his department's investigation into 11 of the deaths. "He is the No. 1 suspect."

In recent weeks, The Herald has found more links to Williams and the deaths. Court records and interviews with police, witnesses and victims' families show:

■ At least three victims were seen with Williams on the day they died.

■ Two women who pressed the current rape charges against Williams say he tried to choke them to death in Brownsville — the same neighborhood where two victims died, within the same few weeks.

■ Another woman filed attempted-murder charges against Williams for a choking attack just hours after she had introduced him to one of her friends — who later was found murdered.

■ Williams frequented the same places — a crack den, a prostitution zone — that several of the victims did.

Williams is scheduled to go to trial next week on the two rape charges. The trial might

PLEASE SEE WILLIAMS, 3B

3 victims were seen with rapist the day they died

WILLIAMS, FROM 1B

be postponed to give Williams' new court-appointed attorney, Howard Landau, a chance to prepare a defense.

Landau, who helped win an acquittal for Williams in a 1986 rape trial, won't comment on the case or the homicide investigation. Nor will he allow his client to speak to The Herald.

In statements to police, Williams has denied killing the women.

Born in Georgia, he grew up in a neatly kept Overtown townhouse with his mother, brother and sisters.

By 1986, he had been accused of seven rapes — including assaults on two 15-year-old schoolgirls — and was profiled in The Herald as a career criminal who knew how to plea bargain and beat the system.

His accusers describe the same modus operandi: He starts with sweet talk and suddenly turns vicious as he chokes his victims unconscious.

Two years ago when Williams was out of jail, young women started dying mysteriously in his Overtown neighborhood. They were found almost nude, their legs spread and no visible trauma.

Miami cops were puzzled. Initial autopsies turned up a new theory — later debunked by Medical Examiner Joe Davis — that the women died because they combined sex and co-



VICTIM: Brenda Hernandez was seen with Williams the day she was strangled.

caine once too often.

They were well-known in the Overtown neighborhood as heavy crack-users.

So was Williams.

"He'd say, 'I've got money. Let's get drugs,'" remembered neighbor Audrey Salles.

One of Williams' teen-age neighbors took him up on the offer in April 1988 — and was found dead hours later, said the victim's best friend, Aida Rodriguez, 17.

She said Williams offered her and 16-year-old Sharmanita Grays "some weed" when they went to the Bay Point Motel, 3530 Biscayne Blvd. Later, Rodriguez left her friend with a heavily perspiring, crack-using Williams who wouldn't let her back into the room.

That's the last time Rodriguez saw Grays alive. Her body was found hours later sprawled, legs apart and nearly nude, on a stairwell at the motel.

Rodriguez told Miami homicide investigators her suspicions. Miami police have since refused to discuss the case.

Since then, two other victims were seen with Williams on their last day.

In October 1988, Williams sought sex from prostitute Erica Edwards on the night she died near the hooker zone on Northwest 79th Street, said witness Beverly Gunder James.

She said Williams, identifying himself as "Tony," approached her on Oct. 22, 1988, at the Tropicana Bar, 1057 NW 79th St.

"He came out of the bushes," James said in a telephone interview. "He asked me where I was going, and I said to the bar. He asked if I 'dated' [slang for hooking], and I said no. He asked if I smoked cocaine and I said no. He asked me if I knew anyone who did."

"I said yes — Erica."

She said she then introduced him

to Edwards.

"I said, 'Erica, this is Tony. He seems like a nice guy. Be nice to him.'"

The next morning, Edwards' body was discovered in a nearby field. She had been dead for hours.

That same day, James told police, Williams grabbed her from behind and choked her. "He picked me off the ground and put a hook on me and I couldn't spring loose," she said.

"The man was on top of me," she added. "I was on my stomach."

A neighbor saw the attack and scared him off, she said.

Five days later — and after three more women had been found dead in the area — James spotted Williams at a friend's house near the hooker zone.

Metro police arrested him there on attempted second-degree murder charges.

He was released in early December after prosecutors dropped the case. They couldn't find James. She moved to Oklahoma soon after the assault.

Five months later, Williams was seen with victim Brenda Hernandez on the day she was strangled in an open field in Brownsville, police told her mother, Mercedes Hernandez.

The victim had lived just a few blocks from a crack den near J & J Groceries at 2656 NW 46th St. where Williams hung out.

Two other victims, Barbara Ann

Black and Barbara Lattimore, hung out at the same crack den, several witnesses said. "He liked the girls," remembered store owner John Ben-nett.

Williams was arrested at the crack den when he tried to run from detectives investigating Hernandez's murder.

While canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses, detectives ran into a woman who said Williams had raped her in the same neighborhood two weeks earlier.

She said she was initially fooled by his appearance. "A clean-cut guy," she noted.

She agreed to Williams' offer: \$10, two cocaine rocks and half a pound of marijuana for sex. The next thing she knew, he was choking her and forcing her to have sex.

"The man chokes you like he intends to kill you. It's not a choke where he's playing with you at all. He wants to kill you," she said in a

sworn statement.

"The look on the guy's face — it totally changed from that nice personality, nice gentleman, hard-working gentleman to a damn maniac," she testified.

Metro detectives charged Williams with rape.

Within a week, Miami police followed with another rape charge. A woman from Brownsville accused Williams of choking and raping her in March.

Since early April, Williams has been in jail, lately in solitary.

"He's there for his own protection based on his notoriety," said Dade Jail Lt. Jim Wood.

Williams passes his days watching TV or talking to another prisoner — Charlie Street, accused killer of two Metro officers.

Williams has impressed Lt. Wood with his politeness and quiet demeanor. "He seems calm and content."